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THE STATE SOCIETIES

State societies in Washington rise and fall with the political tide. They are the political barometers of the National Capital. During the Ad-Ohio Society flourished, and its banquets marked the gathering of the political solons. Today it is the Southern Society, which claims President Wilson for its own. The Southern Society will achieve its perihelion on February 27, when it will have the most pretentious dinner it yet has attempted, and will gather around its banquet board the most distinguished officials of the Capital, who, just now, come in large numbers from the South.

Meanwhile it is not too early for other State societies to keep a they are scanning the political skies in anxious hope that their star is to be in the ascendancy next.

CAMPAIGN OF M. A. C.

Washington takes less interest in Maryland Agricultural College than that institution, only three miles beyond the District border, deserves. Optimistic plans for the future of the college were made, and its creditable history reviewed, at a banquet Saturday night at the New Ebbitt.

The school at College Park 'takes rank well up among other State colleges, and its graduates have achieved distinction at graduate schools, and in many technical and professional fields. Perhaps the name of the Maryland school has been unfortunate. Though an agricultural course is offered, the majority of the students always have been in the academic and technical courses.

Ninety per cent of the college's are from Maryland. It is a more distinctively State institution than any other college in Maryland. Johns Hopkins has only 20 per cent of students from Maryland. But this is no reason why Washington youths should not consider the nearby school when choosing a college, es- chine of the Kaiser, that this first The Dutch are ready for every pecially when such technical and scientific work is wanted as that offered at M. A. C. Many Washingand fare no better.

Added to the curriculum at M. A. C. is the military feature, common to all State colleges, and that department is a growing factor in the work of these institutions. The miliat M. A. C. are conceded to be excelled only by that at West Point and Annapolis.

With these excellent talking points ing to bring their alma mater before the Washington public. They and parents of Washington.

GERMANY'S BURDEN

It is doubtful if the Berlin government would have ordered the expropriation of foodstuffs when it did had its apprehension not included the situation in Austria-Hungary, which is no less isolated than Germany, and which has a far less efficient administration for any purpose of war. Food riots in Austria-Hungary are hear of them in Germany. Austria- Government commissariat there has and celebrate the birthday of the Hungary possibly did not fill its lard- announced a reduction in the weight ers as Germany was able by scien- of the official loaf of bread, owing to tific foresight to do. Germany might the high cost of flour. The business State chairwoman of the committee on Austria-Hungary already scents the pected as among the various activi- more famous. Let the men cut down up rich stores in Belgium and France men and administrative officials in The men will get good exercise and at the very beginning of the war, and has left no bone unscraped in the parts of Poland she has over- the bakers are proposing to inflict. run, while Austria has lost both vast stores and Galicia by her many reverses earlier in the conflict.

the bakers are proposing to inflict, "May this be so general a thing about what the Government can do to protect the people cut down the cherry tree? there shall verses earlier in the conflict.

gary to prevent that empire's armies because Uncle Sam is buying the from collapsing utterly, so must she flour and has no disposition to lose also give Austria-Hungary economic money on his business. terms they might. Germany must see to it that not her own people alone, but those of Austria-Hungary also shall be fed. This will necessitate the withdrawal from Germany of foodstuffs and tend to bring the foodstuffs and tend to the foodstuffs and tend to the foodstuffs and tend to be foodstuffs and tend to the foodstuf of foodstuffs and tend to bring the missariat will have to pay the new her on the left hand.

The Washington Times two empires nearer to an economical price; or rather, to get the new and level. But it may be taken for grant- shrunken loaf. provisions from these sources are not inconsiderable.

And the second s

LOSS OF THE EVELYN

Within perhaps twenty-four hours of the opening of the Von Tirpitz program of ravage on the high seas an American ship, the Evelyn, has been destroyed, though fortunately without loss of life. Yet, pending a clear revelation of all the facts, it ministration of President Taft the will not be assumed, and it ought awares. not to be, that this precipitates s crisis between Germany and the United States.

The Evelyn, according to reports, was not torpedoed by a submarine. If she had been, either deliberately or accidentally-granted that she was not resisting search or fleeing when summoned to submit to a visiting party-it would be for the Washington Administration to take not only immediate but forceful action.

But it appears that the Evelyn came into contact with a mine, as any other ship might have done, Furweather eye on 1916, and already thermore, there is a chance that the mine was out of its proper bearings.

Now it is an affront to civilization that mines have been so generally has to divide; but it is impossible strewn and so negligently safe-that the elemental economics of such Caroline Flanner, Dorothy Denham, Caroline Flanner, Dorothy Denham, Helen Kimmel, Josephine Jones, Elizawhere on the wide ocean.

Nevertheless, if that particular mine floated away from the anchorage and destroyed an American ship coursing those waters in full reliance is in force, though it does not seem that they were safe, we might be to have been responsible for the loss outraged beyond expression, but we of the American ship Evelyn. Indeed, Mrs. Anna B. Sloan should not be justified in raising the the facts surrounding the case of the issue of a ground for war.

If Von Tirpitz had never shocked really not the most important de-civilization with his proclamation, velopment since the broad plan of Delegates from the parent teacher as the very thing which has befallen rejentless warfare with mines and their organizations. Mrs. Bayles, the Evelyn might have happened. The technical defense against will-

ple in their anticipation of the next lishments, so it is suggested that

should not consider the nearby Government and the military ma- expected to fight.

RENO "COMING BACK

Reno bids fair to "come back." The Nevada legislature has passed the easy divorce bill, reviving the as result of Austrian naval vessels provision which makes only six firing on Italian shipping. The whole months' residence in the State neces- situation seems rapidly developing tary discipline and training afforded sary to break the tie that binds. The toward a crisis in which the United governor hasn't signed the bill-yet States may at last figure in a minor -and it is just possible that pilgrims role, with the European nations playwho start for that mecca now may ing the leading parts. find that a year's residence is rethe small but active group of Wash- quired, as under the existing law, Germanic allies to start trouble in ington alumni of M. A. C. are striv- but he who entertains such cruel all directions and on the biggest doubt certainly has it in for some- possible scale, it is difficult to acbody. Thousands of women fought count, especially, for the Austrian chief scout which he filled for nive deserve the best support of educators the measure, and the governor may aggressions, in Adriatic waters, years, the national council having voted hesitate to fly in the face of the There will not be made more cases opinion they as well as other decent of the sort without fixing the imopponents of the divorce mart have pression in the public mind that first naturalization papers fourteen created, not only in Nevada, but in Germany and Austria have reached years ago but has never applied for his Hunger, like water, will seek its level. When we speak of the British policy of starving Germany, we are prene to think of Germany alone, when Austria is no less concerned. It is doubtful if the Berlin govern fatten, upon the immoral spoils that acerue from as unseemly a market among their enemies and escape as ever was devised. The country with the most favorable peace terms. never should be on the map again.

PRICE OF BREAD---AT PANAMA

There is a touch of humor in the of common report, but we do not announcement from Panama that the youthful George Washington "stuff" go on fighting for six months, pos- of a government is pretty compli- conservation, suggested the idea. In a sibly a year longer without feeling cated and expansive, and perhaps enthe sharp pangs of hunger, while tire consistency is hardly to be ex- Washington cherry tree episode even wolf at the door. Germany swept ties. Thus we note various states- the wild cherry trees, she urges, and

who buy from private bakers; while rise from every farm and roadside a Just as Germany was compelled to at Panama, where Uncle Sam is the give military aid to Austria-Hun- baker, the price is calmly advanced Kissed, Stenographer

assistance, to prevent a condition The Panama plan is to reduce the which would compel the house of weight of the loaf three ounces. suffering and shock." Miss Genevieve Hapsburg to let the allies name any That applied to the average loaf in Lehne, a pretty young stenographer, terms they might. Germany must Washington would be rather more of has entered suit against J. D. Patter-

ed that Germany will respond only! It has been the boast of the Govto the military necessities, and that ernment managers of things on the it will be required of Austria to sup- zone that people were fed there ply to the uttermost from her own cheaper than in the States; and staresources. In the meantime, such tistics have been from time to time gates as are left open to the Teu- produced which seemed to bear out tonic allies from Italy, the Balkans, the claim. That, of course, gives the Scandinavia, and Holland are un- Government commissary the more doubtedly taking a heavy toll, for the excuse for raising prices now. There has been no effort to make profits out of the business; at least, such friends, the price being the amount of profits as would be necessary to keep

private business going. In favor of the Panama proclamation it is to be urged that the Gov- gram given. ernment loaf is as carefully standeverybody gets the same. The de-

and seeking no profits, finds it necessary to reduce the loaf, there must of the White House as a dowager "first lady of the land." bakers, who like other people with- Those responding to the roll-call were out the power to levy taxes feel under the necessity of earning a living out of their business. The truth is that when the price of wheat doubles the price of things made from Mrs. Robert Barc, Mrs. Edward Clement, Mrs. John Dorris, Mrs. J. Finney Engle, Mrs. Edward Hardy, Mrs. Augustus Knight, Mrs. James McKee, Mrs. Units the price of things made from Miss Elizabeth Warman, Mrs. M. A. bles the price of things made from wheat has got to go up, and discussion of the subject which assumes any other view is futile. It must not be allowed to go up unduly: must not be allowed to go up unduly;

THE CRISIS AT HAND

Germany's war zone proclamation submarines was inaugurated.

ful responsibility will be more easily set up than broken down.

Nevertheless, the fate of the neutral Evelyn, destroyed on the open sea by a Von Tirpitz mine, will draw taut the nerves of the American people in their anticipation of the next light and large naval establishments. Scandinavian countries, which have been heavy losers by mines, are reported planning to adopt the scheme of naval convoys which the United States Government has viewed without favor. These countries have no large naval establishments. Children want, Mrs. Burnside told of the progress made in school gardens and the postal savings plan in Brookland, and Monroe school sent in a reported planning to adopt the scheme of naval convoys which the United States Government has viewed without favor. These countries have no large naval establishments.

dragged into the war as a recruit to the cause of the allies. Italy is in a most uncomfortable frame of mind

Short of a general purpose of the them in the end to breed dissensions

"Daughter" Would Chop

WATERFORD, Conn., Feb. 22 .- The Connecticut Daughters of the Revolution are planning to steal the "Father of His Country" by cutting down cherry trees. Cornelia Buxton Smith of Litchfield.

circular letter she set forth the prop er manner in which to make the

Sues Three Railroads

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 22.-Asserting that she had been caused "great mental

News Items and Notes of Club Activities

postage on each package. On February 25 Hunt Chapter will entertain the grand officers of the order. Degreework will be shown and a short pro

The Columbia Heights Art Club met ardized as possible; everybody buy- Thursday with Mrs. M. A. Winter. ing it knows what he is getting, and Mrs. Edward Hardy was chairman for the day. Miss Clara Dorris read a pacrease of its weight is frankly announced, so that the public cannot ness of Miss Hill, Mrs. James F. Engle complain that it is being taken un- gave in her stead an outline of the C. Foote read a paper on "Dolly Madi-If the Government, conducting its son." Dolly Madison's old home, now zone business as an altruistic affair the Cosmos Club, was known as the "little White House." There Dolly

there must be, and is, a willingness among the bread makers to divide at the Raleigh on Thursday evening for the benefit of the Confederate Metallic and the subject of the benefit of the Confederate Metallic and the subject of the sub as everybody in business nowadays committee are Mrs. Ernest R. Sasseer. Mrs. Arthur Haughton, and the Misses beth Cullen, and Eleanor Teague.

> The District of Columbia Branch of the National Congress of Mothers held a meeting at the Raleigh last Tuesday. In the routine of business the commit-tee gave reports, the most important of which was that of the educational com-mittee dealing with the phases of voca-tional training in the grades, given by

Thus the Scandinavian countries, children want, Mrs. Burnside told of

The William F. Hunt Chapter, No. 16, Hearst, who financed the first three held a valentine social after the last business meeting. About 500 valentines University, who has recently made a were sold to the members and their survey of the recreations of Washington, gave a talk on recreations and so-cial centers. He declared that Washcial centers. He declared that Washington is suffering from "play starvation." and quoted figures to prove his points. One afternoon 'n 'wo hours 18,000 children were under observation. Of that number, 58 per cent of the boys were violating the law by playing ball and other games in the streets and alleys and 80 per cent of the girls were playing in the streets. From other observations, Dr. McKensie estimated that, owing to conditions in certain parts of the city, Washington has about a thousand unnecessary deaths each year, since under improved living conness of Miss Hill, Mrs. James F. Engle year, since under improved living conditions they would not be likely to occur. The great need of properly constructed and conducted dance halls was

> in a number of cities were shown. Last Monday evening the Anthony League held a birthday celebration in honor of Susan B. Anthony at the home of Mrs. Nanette' B. Paul. Informal talks and music made up the program. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. Perkins, who have recently joined the league. Mrs. Perkins will act as chairman of the committee working with the

man of the committee working with the Congress of Mothers.

Mrs. A. E. Hendley is giving a course of talks on the life of Miss Anthony at the league's "at homes" on Tuesdays, beginning at 3:30 in apartment 375, the Portner. Last Tuesday afternoon a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. E. Dunlop Constant of a table at the Constant of the for her management of a table at the District Federation of Women's Clubs'

benefit luncheon.

The first of Mrs. Edith Towne's lectures to the class in parliamentary law was given last Tuesday at the residence of Mrs. Nanette B. Paul, where the class will meet every Tuesday at 8. This course will be followed by one on the principles of common law, conducted by Mrs. Paul, who is the author of a by Mrs. Paul, who is the author of a law text book, "The Heart of Black-

The classes in Spanish and Esperanto continue to meet at the Portner and in French at the Princeton Tuesday nights. The Bible Study class is conducted by Mrs. Paul, who is assisted by Mme. Mountford.

The Columbia Historical Society held a meeting last Monday evening. The principal business was the presentation the facts surrounding the case of the Evelyn suggest that that affair is really not the most important debiad," and mentioned the houses where Washington Irving was entertained in this city, in 1807, when he visited Philip Van Ness at 1202 D street, until 1653, when he visited the Kennedys. She moted Dickens' destintion of the old of his entertainment by President Fill-more. The former homes of Motley. Twain, Prescott, and John Hay were also located. The old garden of the Dolly Madison House, where Owen Meredith wrote "Lucille," and the man-

why Washington youths not consider the nearby Government and the military ma-

National Council's Action Caused by His Failure to Become American Citizen.

OF CHIEF SCOUTSHIP

Ernest Thompson Seton, active in th organization of the Boy Scouts of America, no longer holds the office o Mr. Seton's absence in England. The fact that Mr. Seton took out his Still Member of Council.

It was stated at the council before the question was put to a vote that

Mr. Seton had been consulted regarding his position and had agreed that it should remain vacant while he was Down All Cherry Trees abroad. He is still a member of the national council, a body comprising about 100 men. Neither his member ship in that body nor his office as chief scout carried any salary. As patriotism is one of the cardina virtues of the Boy Scout, there has always been a degree of feeling against

Mr. Seton because he did not become naturalized. He sailed for England on the Lusitania early this month. Whether he intends to take up arms in the pres ent war has not been learned. Organized In U. S. In 1910.

Before he allied himself with the Bo Scouts Mr. Seton controlled an organization called Woodcraft Indians. The Boy Socuts were organized in 1905, two sion this summer. Even a sixteen-inch years before Gen. Sir Baden-Powell or- gun at Cape Henry won't shoot a caterganized in England his Boy Scouts, but pillar off a tree in Potomac Park. the American organization did not become a national institution until 1910. It was in that year that Mr. Seton be- gress more successful by painting the came allied with it. He was an expert on the primitive methods of the Indians. He could star a fire with a piece of wood and a bow

nsane Man, 70, and Worth First Militia Company \$150,000, Made 30 Wills

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Feb. 22 .- Wil

bur H. Kirkham, seventy years old, who owns property worth \$150,000 in New York and Westchester county, was de-

The Silver Lining Edited By ARTHUR BAER.

What makes George's feat all the more spectacular was that there were no dictographs in those days

Looks as if Italy was ready to hop into the fray. Putting periscopes on all the gondolas.

Like to see George again try to toss

that dollar across the Potomac. lot of people killed in the rush. Famine stares us in the face. Bread Nope. Beefsteaks? Nope. Gonna raise

the price of baseball games.

If an American ship is mysteriously sunk in the English channel, the District Commissioners are getting pre pared to enjoy the blame.



hero can't struggle hand-t'-hand with a gun that's

pedestal. Even T. Edison can't make the graphaphone save the family by singing furiously when flames invade the old homstead.

Moonshiners discovered in old Virginia. Get hilariously exhilarated by mixing water with some real flour. Can't see how Secretary Garrison going to save the Capital from inva-

Might make the next session of Con word "Exit" larger over each door.

Almost spring. Will soon be time fo he knew simple methods of fashioning gourds, weapons, beds from articles likely to be at hand in any forest.

modore, 11: Division B, Mrs. Paunic MacAlister, commodore, 5, and Division C. Miss Estelle Foster, commodore, 4. Of Marines Is Organized

The Navy Department has been ad vised of the organization in Massachusetts of the first militia company of marines under the provisions of the new

PROGRAM (For Today and Tomorrow.)

Meeting of fraternal, social, and other organisations of the Nation's Capital, together with a brief tabulation of the most important events scheduled for today and tomorrow, and attractions at the various playhouses. By reference to this column the reader may find at a giance the time and place of happenings in Washington today and tomorrow. The Sunday issue of The Times presents a program of events for the ensuing week.

Washington Birthday celebrations—Parish
Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church, under
auspices of Takoma Park Citisens' Association, 8 p. m.; Daughters of America, 316
Pennsylvania avenue southeast, 8 p. m.;
New Masonic Temple, 2:30 p. m. New Masonic Temple, 2:30 p. m.

Capitol Hill Literary Society, 21 First street northeast, 8 p. m.; Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution, and Sons of the Revolution, Memorial Continental Hall, 10:30 a. m.; Association of Oldest Inhabitants, Nineteenth and H streets northwest, 11 a. m.; Lincoln Camp, No. 2, Sons of Veterans, 110; E street northwest, 8 p. m.; Women's Peace Society, New Masonic Temple, 2:30 p. m. Meeting, Friends of Humanity, Chamber of

Commerce, \$ p, m. Banquet, Vaughn Class of Calvary Baptist Church, in church, 7 p. m. Annual dinner, North Dakota Association New Ebbitt, 7 p. m. Peace Meeting, Eriends' House, 1811 I street northwest, 3 p. m. Entertainment, Young Women's Hebrew As-sociation, Elks' Club, 8 p. m. Election of Officers, District Chapter of So-ciety of Sons of the American Revolution, Rauscher's, 3 p. m.

Midwinter convocation, George Washington University, Assembly Hall, Arts and Sciences Building, 2023 G street northwest Meeting, Descendants of the signers of Declaration of Independence, Raleigh,

University Day," celebration, University of Pennsylvania graduates, University Club Reception, Baptist Home, 3248 N street north-west, 2 to 6 p.fm.

Meeting, Southern auffragists, 1600 Rhode Island avenue northwest, 19:30 a.m.

Island avenue northwest, 10:30 a. m.

Washington Birthday dance in costume, Ascension Athletic Association, small ball room, The Arcade, 3 p. m.

Memorial mass, Knights of Columbus, Holy Comforter Church, 10 a. m.

Continental night program, Arcade auditorium, 3 p. m.

Installation of officers, Gen. William F.

Barry Garrison, No. 25, Army and Navy Union, 1347 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, 5 p. m. Chion, lost Fenneyivania avenue northwest, 5 p. nr.
Masonic-Dawson, No. 16, Stansbury, No. 24, George C. Whiting, No. 22, Pentalpha, No. 23; Mount Vernon, No. 3, Hiram, No. 10, Anacostia, No. 12, Royal Arch Masons; Kalipolis Grotto, ceremonial; Board 6f Directors, Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Temple, No. 13, Columbia, No. 15, Eastern Star

Star.
Odd Fellows-Union, No. 11, Beacon, No. 14,
Langdon, No. 25, Esther, No. 5, Hebekahs
Knights of Pythias-Calanthe, No. 11, Equal,
No. 17,
National Union-Federal Council: Scout Council, Northeast Washington Council, Illustrated lecture, "The American Flag: Its origin, History, and Development," Prof. John Torbert, in All Souls' Church, 8 p. m. Photography," 8:30 p. m.
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Reception, College Women's Club, ball, Raleigh, 4 to 6 p. m.
Dance, Crescent Club, ball room, Raleigh,

ational-"The Girl From Utah," 2:15 and Neisson—'A Fair of Sizes, 2.20 and 3.29 p. m.
Columbia—''Our Navy in 1915," motion pictures, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.
Poli's—''The Big Idea.'' 2:15 and 8:15 p. in.
B. F. Keith's—Vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.
Cosmos—Vaudeville (continuous).
Casino—Vaudeville (continuous).
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Cayety—Burlesque, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.
Majestic—Burlesque, 2:15 p. m.
('randall's—Photoplays, 10 a. m. to 11 p. in.
Strand—Photoplays, 10 a. m. to 11 p. m.
Garden—Photoplays, 10 a. m. to 11 p. m.
Arcade—Dancing, 8 p. m. to 12 p. m.
Ardmore Club—Cortez vs. Langdon, 2 p. m.

Tomorrow.

Federal, No. 1, Acacla, No. 18, Takoma, No. 29, Mount Horeb, No. 7, Potomac, No. 8, Royal Arch Massons: De Molay Mounted, No. 4, Knights Templar; Electa, No. 2, Bethlehem, No. 7, Friendship, No. 17, East-Bethlehem, No. 7, Friendship, No. 17, East-ern Star.
Odd Fellows-Washington, No. 6, Golden Rule, No. 21, Amity, No. 27; Fred D. Stuart, No. 7: Encampment, Knights of Pythias-Grand Lodge, annual convention, Webster, No. 7; Hermoine, No. 12; Excelsior, No. 14; Capital, No. 24; Myr-tle, No. 25. Woodmen of the World-Old Giory Camp, No. 2. Specialist-Fiorida Home Builders' Associaspecialist-Fiorida Home Builders' Association; Workmen's Circle
Meeting, general arrangements committee for
G. A. R. encampment, red room, New
Willard, 11 a. m.
Conference, National Porward-to-the-Land
League, offices of Department of Labor,
11 a. m. 11 a. m.
Meeting. Washington Council, Knights of
Columbus, K. of C. Hall, 8 p. m.
Violin recital, Haron Sokolove, New Masonic
Temple, 4:30 p. m.
Banquer, Engineering Society of George Temple, 4:30 p. m. anquet. Engineering Society of George Washington University, Hotel Continental, Banquet, Engineering Society of George Washington University, Hotel Continental, 7:30 p. m.

Meeting, campaign leaders of Y. W. C. A., in association headquarters, 4:30 p. m.

Meeting, North Capitol and Eckington Citizens' Association, lecture hall of Eckington Presbyterian Church, North Capitol street and Florida avenue northwest, 7:30 p. m.

Meeting, suffrage committee of Chamber of Commerce, in headquarters, 2 p. m.

Lenten address, "Should the Progress of the Kingdom of God Be Longer Retarted by a Divided Kingdom?" the Rev. A. B. Kinsolving, St. John's Church, Sixteenth and H streets northwest, 7:30 p. m.

Meeting, Thomas Jefferson Council, No. 12, Jr. O. U. A. M., Northeast Masonic Temple, Eighth and F streets northeast, 4 p. m.

Annual public debate, freshman class of Washington College of Law, 1318 New York avenue northwest, 8 p. m.

Meeting, Parents' League of the Third Division of Schools, in J. Ormond Wilson Normal School, Eleventh and Harvard streets northwest, 8 p. m.

Lecture, "The Spanish Colonial Empire," in Miss Erna Mary Ferguson, under auspices of Spanish School of Washington, in school, 8 p. 11.

Benefit concert and dance, Casualty Hospital, 8 p. m.

8 p. m.

Rauscher's, 8 to 12 p. m.

Meeting, Columbia Chapter, D. A. R., study room, Public Library, 8 p. m.

Meeting, Teachers' Club, study room, Public Library, 1 p. m.

Teams at the Y. W. C. A. Bring in 24 New Members tant relic of antiquity was unfolded

Teams in the membership campaign of the Young Women's Christian Association reported today a total of wenty-four brought in since the last eport was made. Of this number the 'Aeroplanes" secured twenty and the 'Automobiles' four.

With the second and final week of the campaign well under way, the members are working enthusiastically to have the greatest possible number of new members initiated before Saturday evenmembers initiated before saturday even-ing. A supper is to be given for the workers at that time.

This afternoon a reception will be held by the board of directors, headed by the honorary president, Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall and Mrs. William Hamilton leavy the president Polloving is the detailed scores registered today: Automobiles, 4; Aeroplanes, Division A. Miss Susan R. Cutts, commodore, 11; Division B. Mrs. Faunic avly, the president.

Fire in East St. Louis **Destroys Four Blocks**

THE TIMES MAIL BAG

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Denies He Is Candidate for Recorder | sestion of "J. F. N." to have separate of Deeds.

To the Editor of THE TIMES:

There appeared in the daily press of this city recently articles giving the list of persons who are said to be candidates for the position of recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia, and my name appeared in that list. I beg permission to state to the many readers of your excellent paper and the public generally that I am not a candidate for the position of recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia.

J. MILTON WALDRON,

Washington, February 20.

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Danish-American Has Four Honorable Discharges from the Army.

To the Editor of THE TIMES:
In signing myself "Danish American" I did not mean that it should be taken up in any other spirit than in which it was intended. As I cannot lay claim to any Dutch, Irish, Turkish, Chinese, or any other combination, I only stated my true identity, and for that purpose I used the term. I do not claim it to last the condition of the corner from Pennsylvania.

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This is particularly true at Clarendon, where there is not a colored familiary within a radius of more than a reduce of the result is that, even though we have not as yet an organized police force, there is very little disorder. The car from Washington, office. The result is that, even though we have a large constant of the color of the car from Washington, via Queen City, arriving at Clarendon at about 7 a. m., has been named the "Cooks" Tourist Special."

It is true that half, or possibly a majority, of our citizens are Virginal so on any other combination.

Special "Clarendon at about 7 I used the term. I do not claim it to be any special mark of merit or dis-tinction, but neither do I feel any shame nor degradation that I was born a Dane, Secause in using what Mr. E. M. calls the umbillical hyphen he is sure that the bearer cannot be a full-fledged or, in other words, a good and true American.

I am willing to show him four pieces

he last one from the Spanish war and Now, Friend E. M., I think you will

agree that a person who gives fifteen years of his life to the service and protection of his country in war as in peace, to do with as she wills, cannot be such a bad American after all. Washington, Feb. 20.

Asks Mothers of United States to Aid German Children.

the Editor of THE TIMES: About three years ago, when the subect of warm lunches for our school children was agitated by press of this short article headed: "Go Supperless o Bed." dated Berlin, November 13. Quoting from the Volkswohlapahrt, or Quoting from the Volkswoniapanrt, or Public Weal Society, it said that an investigation of 183 German towns revealed the fact that "35,000 children habitually went breakfastless to school, and 5 per cent were sent to bed hungry. Ninety-five thousand children had to be fed by public assistance."

subsisting on one meal a day? This starving of little children is something the women, the mothers of civilized nations, will not stand for, and I am willing to start the ball rolling by donating 100 pounds of flour to the school children of Germany. How many more German-American Washington, D. C., Feb. 20, 1915.

Wants Firemen to Have More Time to Themselves.

o the Editor of THE TIMES Can anybody give a reason why the iremen of Washington are compelled to gation law, but disagree as regards the labor under the conditions they now endure, when every other occupation labors only eight to ten hours per day? The Government is passing laws compelling the eight-hour day for men and women, why not a third day, or at least a fourth day off, for the firemen? Why should members of a public de-partment like the fire department, from which prompt and heroic work is exwhich prompt and heroic work is expected, and always rendered, be compelled to labor twenty-four hours out of twenty-four for 365 days for 12 cents per hour? Can you imagine yourself confined when the prompt and distinction.

Some people think it is a disgrace to be colored, and think the passing of this "jim crow" law would mean a downward trend of this race. hour? Can you imagine yourself con-fined under conditions next to prison life, compelled to remain within hearing of the gong?

It's no wonder that a fireman's constitution gives away at an early age, the long and continuous hours taking the last spark of energy from the man that was appointed in the prime of life, and selected from the very flower of manhood, giving the best days of his life to the public service and receiving.

With the white people and would try to develop their race to such an extent as and habits: then the colored people and would try to make them recognized by their pride and habits: then the colored people and would try to develop their race to such an extent as and habits: then the colored people and would try to make them recognized by their pride and habits: then the colored people and would try to develop their race to such an extent as and habits: then the colored people and would try to develop their race to such an extent as and habits: then the colored people and would try to develop their race to such an extent as and habits: then the colored people and would try to develop their race to such an extent as and habits: then the colored people and would try to develop their race to such an extent as and habits: then the colored people and would try to develop their race to such an extent as and habits: then the colored people and would try to make them recognized by their pace and habits: then the colored people and would try to develop their race to such an extent as and habits: then the colored people and would try to develop their race to such an extent as and habits: then the colored people and habits: the pride ng of the gong? life to the public service, and receiving very little consideration in return. The only time that the firemen receive any notice from the public is when they are called to perform prompt and heroic work. On return to quarters they are forgotten.

P. F. LEAHY.

The Segregation Question. o the Editor of THE TIMES: From my observation of conditions in Vashington, I believe that the sug- Glen Ferris, W. Va., February 20.

forgotten. Washington, Feb. 20.

residential districts for the white and

Clarendon, Va., February 19.

Sees Little Hope For U. S., If Songs Are To Make the Country Strong-

the Editor of THE TIMES: Some one said that if you would disclose the songs of a people he would tell you that people's character.

I have just received a brief list of 'sensational successes now being danced and sung everywhere" (in the U. S. A.) "sensational successes now being danced and sung everywhere" (in the U. S. A.) comprising "He's a Rag Picker," "Ballin the Jack," "At the Ball That's All," "For Every Smile You Gave Me, You Caused a Thousand Tears," "I've Only One Idea About the Girls—and that's to Love 'Em," "When the Grown-up Ladies Act Like Bables Ive Got To Love 'Em That's All," "It's Too Late Now," and "Chinatown, My Chinatown.

Do you wonder why the average youth Do you wonder why the average youth and his companion is a bit eccentric as

and his companion is a bit eccentric as to duty, honesty, morality, and a few other things when this is their musical education? Can you be surprised when the Old World people sneer at "Americans' after reading translations of such "popular American songs?" The list given is no worse than a local store advertised in a local poper recently, so it is not an exception.

is not an exception.

I wonder how many of the singers of such stuff can repeat one verse of "Home. Sweet Home," and a few others upon which the men, that made the U.S. A. a stalwart nation, were fed in the next few generations. past few generations. I also wonder how much morals children have after passing through such a collection, and wheth be fed by public assistance."

Without commenting on the causes leading up to it, I want to ask how many more children now orphaned are many more children now orphaned are subsisting on one meal a day? This orders. W. E. ALLEN. Washington, February 19.

> Wants "Jim Crow" Law All Over the United States.

To the Editor of THE TIMES I read with interest the article written by "J. F. N." to The Times Mail Bag. in which he wishes to isolate the colored population from the white in Washington, and then does not advocate the passing of the "iim crow" law in the District of Columbia.

"jim crow" law.
The colored race is no longer 'looked down" on, and by passing this "jim crow" law and giving them as good cars and service as is given the white people, it will then give that race th

not think so much of trying to be equal with the white people and would try to

passing it, try to be rivals and not equals of the white race.

I have talked with several well-educated colored men on this question, and was surprised to find that they agreed entirely with me, and a few of them went to such an extent as wanting a separate part of the United States as their home, as was given the Indians.
I and every other person, whether white or black, provided they have enough pride, should pull for this "jim enough pride, snould put and crow" law, not only in the District of Columbia, but all over the United W. W. J.

Baumgardt Gives Talks On Rome and Petrograd

The capitals of the ancient civilization and of the newest power in mod- George Washington University are preern civilization-Rome and Petrograd- paring for an entertainment during the were the subject of the lectures given second week of March in the assembly yesterday afternoon and evening, re- hall of the Arts and Sciences building, spectively, by B. R. Baumgardt at the 2023 G street northwest. Belasco Theater.

The story of the Roman republic and the empire were told briefly as a prelude to the illustrated portion of the lecture. As has been the case with all the discourses of this platform expert, the history given was interlarded with anecdote and philosophy of an G. W. U. Girls' Glee Club unusual character. The architecture and art of old Rome were intermingled with that of the

new as history of this or that impor and its relation to present-day civilizaand its relation to present-day civilization explained.

Moscow and the Russian people, as
well as Petrograd, were dealt with in
the evening lecture. In fact, the lecture was largely a disquisition on the
Slav, with pictures and stories of the
two great capitals. According to Mr.
Baumgardt, the power of the Slav is
yet to be felt by the world at large,
but the world is not to be kept long
waiting for it. He regards the Russian as a magnificent type of humanity,
and the mission of the Russian in the
world to be a great one.

The little known achievements of
Russians in the arts and sciences were

The little known achievements of Russians in the arts and sciences were dwelt upon briefly, and many examples of painting and sculpture were shown. The story of Petrograd, with the necessary accompaniments of the stories of Peter the Great and Catherine, and the story of Moscow, with its invariable history of the Napoleonic disaster and the reign of Ivan the Terrible, were also told briefly. Motion pictures showing the horsemanship of the Cossaeks were shown at the conclusion of the lecture.

Capitol Hill Club to Hold Exercises Tonight

Entertainment Planned By Pre-Medical Class

Members of the pre-medical class of

R. L. Bailey, president of the class, is in charge of plans for the event. Invitations will be extended to a number of the members of the faculty to attend One of the objects of the entertainment is to arouse greater interest among the students in class and college activities

Will Stage Operetta

Plans for the staging of an operetta during the latter part of April are being prepared by the Girls' Glee Club of George Washington University. The membership of the club is in creasing rapidly, the latest additions to the roll being Ella Gardner, Helen Hotchkiss, and Theodosia Seibold. Weekly rehearsals are held, and these

will be increased in number as the date for the operetta draws near. Centenarian Remembers Cincinnati as Village

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 22.—Mr. Elizabeth Hall De Camp, who remembers Cincinnati's town pump, celebrated her 100th birthday today, She brated her 100th birthday today. brated her 100th birthday today, and called it her debut. On January, it she celebrated her eightieth wedding anniversary. Ninety years ago she lived in a log cabin on Race street near the present a die of shyscraptis. She saw busy Fourth street as a

Surgeon John Long Is Sent to Philippines

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Feb. 22.—Fire early today destroyed nearly all the buildings in the four city blocks which meet at St. Louis and Collinsville avenues, in the heart of the business district.

The loss was estimated at \$250,000.

Hold Exercises Ionight

Surgeon John D. Long, of the Public Health Service, who won fame in his celebrate, Washington's birthday at a meeting at 21 First street northeast to-night. E. V. Carr, vice president, will speak on "American Heroes," and there will be a musical program.